

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
(Continuation of 09/561,919)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/561,919, filed May 1, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A multiplexing video decoding method for receiving bit streams, each of said bit streams comprising a plurality of slices and received in a plurality of channels, and decoding the bit stream of each of the plurality of channels in a multiplexed mode, the multiplexing video decoding method comprising the steps of:

decoding video signals, wherein the decoding includes decoding a predetermined unit of a bit stream of one channel from the plurality of channels;

sequentially switching to decode a predetermined unit of a bit stream for each of the other plurality of channels, by obtaining a program state corresponding to a program counter value associated with a respective one of the plurality of channels; and

decoding in a multiplexed mode bit streams of the plurality of channels by repeating the above steps for a next slice in each of the plurality of channels.

2. (original): The multiplexing video decoding method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined unit of a bit stream is a slice of a bit stream.